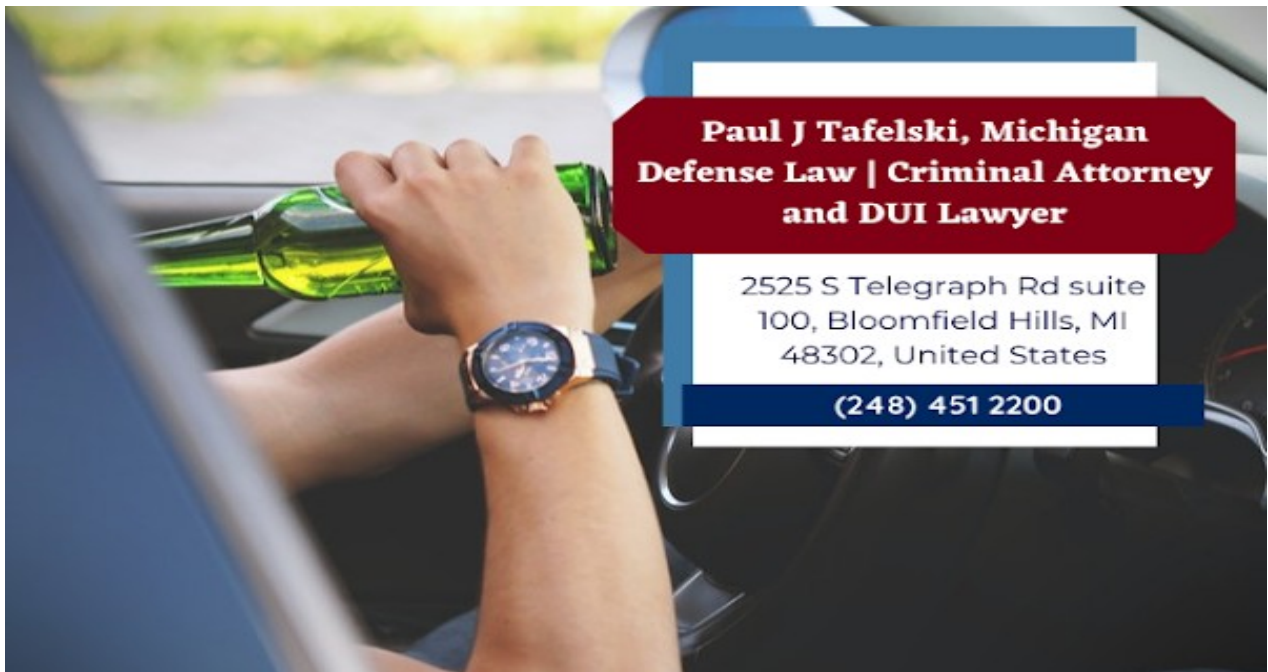




Oakland County OWI Lawyer Paul J. Tafelski Explains the Penalties for OWI Repeat Offenses

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Oakland County OWI lawyer Paul J. Tafelski releases a new article (<https://www.michigandefenselaw.com/mi-owi-dui-lawyer/>) explaining the penalties for OWI repeat offenses. The lawyer mentions that the state of Michigan has strict laws regarding drunk driving and also has some of the most serious penalties in the country. A repeat conviction may have life-changing consequences for a defendant.

When a driver accepts a Michigan driver's license, they give implied consent. That means if an officer asks them to submit to a chemical sobriety test (blood, breath, or urine) and they refuse, their license may be automatically suspended for one year, and six points will be added to their license. Under the law, chemical testing is mandatory if a driver is suspected of driving under the influence, but field sobriety testing is not, says the Oakland County OWI lawyer.

The lawyer explains that the penalties for a repeat offender may vary and they can be severe. A second

conviction within seven years of the first one can lead to a fine of \$200 or more than \$1000, imprisonment for not less than five days or more than one year, probation, and vehicle immobilization for 90 to 180 days.

Attorney Paul J. Tafelski says that intoxicated driving is a serious problem for public safety and health, so Michigan prosecutors are becoming more aggressive in seeking convictions. This is why it is important to seek the help of an experienced attorney when facing charges of repeat OWI/DUI.

In the article, the lawyer adds that if someone has been stopped, they may request a lawyer. The police will be obligated to stop questioning and cease all information-gathering procedures including field sobriety tests. The common field sobriety tests include horizontal gaze nystagmus (also known as "follow my finger"), walk and turn, and one-leg stand.

According to attorney Tafelski, "A conviction for driving under the influence depends on the state's proving the defendant was in control of the vehicle. However, there is no definitive legal answer to the definition of control. Questions may be raised in cases such as when a driver, who realized their limitations, pulled off the road to sleep it off."

Lastly, attorney Paul Tafelski emphasizes the importance of having a skilled lawyer when facing charges of repeat OWI/DUI. Having an experienced attorney may be able to help the defendant understand their rights and protect their freedom.

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